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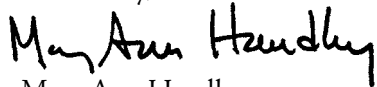
Dear Neighbors,

With new leadership in the General Assembly and in the Governor's office, the last legislative session was filled with new opportunity. Crucial issues were debated with a fresh perspective and many accomplishments resulted.

In particular, we made important improvements in the state's commitment to help cities and towns meet the needs of residents. I have included in this report a chart that details the additional aid provided to Bolton and Marlborough.

I have also included a short list of other issues that were addressed. Because of the space constraints in this report, I'd like to make sure that you know that more detailed information is available on my website. If you have additional concerns or questions, you can call my office.

Yours truly,



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STATE AID

FOR THE TOWNS OF Bolton & Marlborough

Both Bolton and Marlborough will receive more state aid than last year to assist with school budgets, maintain roads and help pay for other services.

BOLTON

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	INCREASE FROM FY 04-05
Aid to Bolton for Schools	\$2,570,910	\$2,660,731	\$89,821
Other Municipal Grants	\$170,646	\$199,338	\$28,692
Total	\$2,741,566	\$2,860,069	\$118,513

MARLBOROUGH

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06	INCREASE FROM FY 04-05
Aid to Marlborough for Schools	\$2,681,893	\$2,770,540	\$88,647
Other Municipal Grants	\$159,696	\$191,226	\$31,531
Total	\$2,841,589	\$2,961,766	\$120,178



YOUR STATE SENATOR MARY ANN HANDLEY



RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Protecting the Environment

- Established a farmland preservation/affordable housing program to create a fund of approximately \$30 million per year for farmland and open space preservation, affordable housing and historic preservation

Keeping our Roads Safe

- Banned cell phone use while driving a motor vehicle, unless the driver uses a hands-free device

Strengthening Ethics in Government

- Created an Office of State Ethics—an independent, stand-alone agency designed to replace the State Ethics Commission and remove politics from the oversight process

Providing Opportunity for Students

- Passed one of the largest expansions of the School Readiness program since its inception
- Supported our state colleges and universities with an additional \$52 million than originally proposed

Helping Working Families

- Saved the HUSKY health insurance for low-income adults from budget cuts
- Increased the minimum wage to \$7.40 an hour in 2006 and to \$7.65 an hour in 2007

Ensuring Access to Health Care

- Improved health coverage by requiring insurance companies to cover certain fertility treatments and ultrasound breast cancer screenings when recommended by a physician